UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Chadricks D. James,)	Cierk, U.S. District & Bankruptcy Gourts for the District of Columbia
Plaintiff,)	
V.))	Civil Action No. 17-2791 (UNA)
Federal Government et al.,)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION

This matter is before the Court on its initial review of plaintiff's *pro se* complaint and application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Court will grant the *in forma pauperis* application and dismiss the case because the complaint fails to meet the minimal pleading requirements of Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Pro se litigants must comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Jarrell v. Tisch, 656 F. Supp. 237, 239 (D.D.C. 1987). Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires complaints to contain "(1) a short and plain statement of the grounds for the court's jurisdiction [and] (2) a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a); see Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 556 U.S. 662, 678-79 (2009); Ciralsky v. CIA, 355 F.3d 661, 668-71 (D.C. Cir. 2004). The Rule 8 standard ensures that defendants receive fair notice of the claim being asserted so that they can prepare a responsive answer and an adequate defense and determine whether the doctrine of res judicata applies. Brown v. Califano, 75 F.R.D. 497, 498 (D.D.C. 1977).

Plaintiff has submitted a cryptically worded complaint against the federal government and others that mentions, *inter alia*, illegal wiretapping, former "President Bush," and "mastermind." The complaint fails to provide any notice of a claim and the basis of federal court jurisdiction. Therefore, this case will be dismissed. A separate order accompanies this Memorandum Opinion.

Date: February <u>12</u>, 2018

United States District Judge